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It has been a while since my last update. There is an important piece of information for you to all know about so here it is:

- 1) 6 Cent Certification Excel Worksheets – The original version of these worksheets was posted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and I know some of you jumped at the opportunity to get started and began using those worksheets. You should all know that those worksheets were revised (exact reasons unknown but we know there are some errors) and the worksheets we have posted are the correct ones. The correct worksheets will have the following on the first tab with instructions at the top:
Updated Version of Certification Tool issued on 6/15/2012
If the worksheets you are using do not have this, you will need to update to the version we have posted at our website -
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-43092_50144-281153--,00.html.
- 2) 6 Cent Certification Application – The actual application for the certification of your menus will likely be live within the next week. We want to make sure it is working properly before going live and, in addition, we are in the process of putting together the support team for this statewide project. If it does go live sometime this week, I will send out an additional Weekly News.
- 3) Resources – We are in the process of adding some resources to our 6 Cent Certification page. A sample menu provided by USDA along with the resulting 6 Cent Certification tool Excel worksheet has been posted. Note we purposely left this sample with a need to change it (note error for vegetables on Tuesday) so you can see what that looks like. We will be adding a list of the USDA recipes along with the respective calories and saturated fat content to make it easier for you to have values for the various “recipe” type items (be sure to actually use these recipes if you use them for the 6 cents). And we are still expecting a video from USDA that we will post as well. As we get further into this project, we will continue to update the field with any more guidance or support.

That’s it for right now as I expect to have new information relatively soon. We appreciate your time, understanding, and patience with these significant changes to school nutrition. It will be an interesting school year with changes and challenges.

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